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Discernus Platform: Comprehensive Review Package

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What is Discernus?

Discernus is a comprehensive research platform designed to become the essential infrastructure for computational social science research. Like RStudio transformed statistical analysis, Discernus aims to standardize and democratize discourse analysis through a sophisticated three-pillar architecture.

The Problem We Solve

Computational social science suffers from a fundamental "last mile" problem: brilliant research is consistently slowed by inadequate tooling. Researchers face:

- **Reproducibility Crisis**: Ad-hoc methods make studies impossible to replicate
- **Framework Fragmentation**: One-off theories prevent cross-study comparison

- **Cost Barriers**: Analysis requires armies of graduate students or expensive proprietary tools
- **Collaboration Friction**: No standardized infrastructure for team research and IRB compliance

Our Solution: The Three-Pillar Model

Pillar 1: Open Standard (Academic Public Good) - Mathematical foundations and framework specifications - Independent Academic Standards Board governance - Peer-reviewed, citable methodology documentation - Creates trust and network effects

Pillar 2: Free Individual Tool (GPL-Licensed) - `discernus-community` Python package - Jupyter-native workflows and visualization - LLM-driven analysis with expert-level accuracy - Lowers barriers for individual researchers

Pillar 3: Commercial Platform (Institutional Infrastructure) - Cloud and enterprise server deployments - Collaboration, compliance, and scaling solutions - Corpus licensing and management services - Generates revenue by solving institutional problems

Technical Innovation: The Discernus Coordinate System (DCS)

At the heart of our platform is a unified mathematical framework that maps discourse within a standardized coordinate space. This enables:

- **Framework Interoperability**: Multiple theories (moral, political, psychological) share common mathematical foundations
- **Comparative Analysis**: Systematic comparison across different analytical approaches
- **Temporal Evolution**: Track ideological movement and change over time
- **Competitive Dynamics**: Model how different concepts compete for discourse space

Market Opportunity

Primary Market: Computational social science researchers, graduate students, academic institutions **Secondary Markets**: Political consultants, policy think tanks, market research firms **Long-term Vision**: Universal infrastructure for rigorous discourse analysis across all domains

Validation Strategy: Gate-Driven Development

Our implementation follows a rigorous five-gate validation process: 1. **Basic Capability**: Replicate existing peer-reviewed research ($r > 0.70$ correlation) 2. **Innovation**: Demonstrate novel analytical capabilities 3. **Usability**: Graduate student productive in <2 hours 4. **Workflow Integration**: End-to-end Jupyter-native experience 5. **Partnership**: Secure academic collaboration commitment

Business Model: Academic Freemium to Infrastructure

- **Individual Adoption**: Free, powerful tools drive viral adoption
- **Natural Scaling**: Pain points emerge as research complexity increases
- **Institutional Revenue**: Enterprise features solve collaboration, compliance, security
- **Network Effects**: More users $\rightarrow$ better frameworks $\rightarrow$ higher adoption

Competitive Advantages

- **Academic Credibility**: Open standards governance by independent board
- **Mathematical Moat**: Complex mathematical foundations difficult to replicate
- **Community Network**: User base becomes defensive moat
- **Domain Expertise**: Purpose-built for research workflows vs. generic tools

Implementation Timeline

Phase 1 (Weeks 1-4): Basic capability validation with BYU partnership **Phase 2 (Weeks 5-8)**: Extension and innovation demonstration
Phase 3 (Weeks 9-10): Results analysis usability testing **Phase 4 (Weeks 11-12)**: Development workflow integration **Phase 5 (Weeks 13-16)**: Strategic partnership development

Success Metrics

Technical: $r > 0.70$ correlation with manual coding, novel analytical capabilities **Usability**: 4/5 Jupyter Native Integration Heuristics satisfied **Partnership**: BYU team commitment to long-term collaboration and publication **Commercial**: Clear pathway to academic publication and broader adoption

Risk Mitigation

- **Technical Risk**: Parallel development paths for alternative approaches
- **Partnership Risk**: Multiple academic collaboration prospects
- **Market Risk**: Clear exit criteria and failure response plans
- **Ethical Risk**: Four-layer ethical framework with transparency and accountability

Long-term Vision

Establish Discernus as the standard infrastructure enabling the next generation of computational social science research, making rigorous comparative analysis as accessible and reliable as basic statistical computing is today.

II. Strategic Foundation

Comprehensive Product & Business Strategy

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Executive Summary Discernus will become the **essential professional workbench and infrastructure layer** for computational social science, analogous to what RStudio/Posit provides for the world of statistical analysis. Our strategy implements a sophisticated three-pillar product model that separates the **academic public good** (open standards and free tools) from **commercial infrastructure** (a managed platform for scaled research). This approach is designed to build deep trust within the academic community while solving high-value institutional problems.

Core Value Proposition: "The research platform that gets you from hypothesis to publication faster, with higher methodological rigor, and better collaboration opportunities."

Strategic Foundation: Create a massive user base of individual researchers who naturally discover the need for our paid institutional solutions as their work scales in complexity and collaborative scope.

The Problem: The "Last Mile" Problem in Computational Social Science Computational social science is hampered by a lack of standardized, high-quality infrastructure. This creates a "last mile" problem where brilliant research is slowed down by inadequate tooling. - **For Individual Researchers:** Reproducibility, methodological rigor, and comparing results across studies are major challenges. Existing tools are often generic, require significant technical overhead, or are proprietary "black boxes" that impede transparency. - **For Research Institutions:** There is a critical gap in tools for ensuring IRB compliance, tracking data provenance, and managing large-scale collaborative research projects efficiently, which increases risk and slows the pace of discovery.

Guiding Principles These principles will guide our decision-making at every level of the organization. 1. **Academic Credibility First:** Our value is rooted in methodological rigor and trust. We will never compromise academic integrity for commercial gain. 2. **The Community is Our Moat:** Our open-source community and open standards are our greatest competitive advantage. We will nurture and serve them. 3. **Solve and Monetize for Scale:** Provide powerful, free tools for individuals. Generate revenue by solving the complex problems that emerge at institutional scale (collaboration, compliance, security). 4. **Transparency by Default:** Our methods must be open to scrutiny. We avoid "black box" approaches to build trust and ensure reproducibility. 5. **Seamless Workflows:** We must integrate into the existing tools and habits of researchers to reduce friction and accelerate adoption.

Strategic Architecture: The Three-Pillar Model Our model mirrors RStudio/Posit's proven framework, adapted for computational social science research:

Posit Component	Discernus Analogue	What It Is (The Tangible Asset)	Strategic Purpose & Business Model
Pillar 1: The Open Standard			
GNU R Language	**DCS Mathematical Foundations & Framework Specifications**	A set of peer-reviewed, citable **documents** and **data standards**.	**Builds Trust & Creates a Moat.** This is the non-commercial, academic "public good." We are its primary stewards, not its owners. Its widespread adoption makes our commercial tools more valuable. This is a **cost center** that generates **academic credibility**.
Pillar 2: The Free Individual Tool			

Posit Component	Discernus Analogue	What It Is (The Tangible Asset)	Strategic Purpose & Business Model
RStudio Desktop IDE	**`discernus-community` Python Package & Extensions**	A `pip install`-able Python library with core functions and a **local runtime**. Includes Jupyter/VSCode extensions.	**Drives Adoption & Creates Muscle Memory.** This is a powerful, feature-complete tool for individual researchers, free and open-source (GPL). Its limitations are natural consequences of local computing (scale, collaboration). This is our primary **marketing and educational tool**.
Pillar 3: The Commercial Institutional Infrastructure			
Posit Workbench, Connect, Package Manager	**`Discernus Cloud` & `Discernus Enterprise Server`**	A managed, server-side application: our **orchestrator, API, and database backend**. This is the **managed, server-side runtime.**	**Generates Revenue by Solving Institutional Problems.** This is our **proprietary, paid product.** It solves problems of scale, collaboration, compliance (IRB), security, and high-performance computation that are impossible to manage in a local notebook.

Competitive Strategy: Learning from Open Source Business Model Evolution Successful Models: Anaconda and Red Hat Parallels

What Anaconda Did Right → Our Parallel Strategy: - **Free Core Distribution** → Free Core Analysis: Make moral analysis accessible to all researchers - **Natural Pain Points** → Corpus management and collaboration complexity become institutional problems
- **Value-Added Services** → Enterprise corpus licensing, collaboration tools, compliance tracking - **Community Respect** → GPL ensures perpetual access to core functionality - **Clear Differentiation** → Free tools for individual research, enterprise infrastructure for institutions

Risk Mitigation Strategy: How We Avoid Elasticsearch's Mistakes 1. **Permanent GPL**

Commitment - GPL ensures core functionality remains truly free forever 2. **Value-Added Services Model** - Hosting services and premium content, not software licensing restrictions 3. **Community-First Approach** - Actively contribute to academic standards and open frameworks

Fork Defense Strategy: Mathematical Complexity Moat While GPL licensing makes our code technically forkable, we create a sophisticated defense strategy that makes successful forking practically impossible through mathematical complexity, academic validation requirements, and brand embedding.

Mathematical Complexity as Competitive Moat Our GPL package presents a deceptively simple interface that masks profound mathematical complexity: - Arc positioning mathematics (40+ equations) - Density correction algorithms (non-trivial implementation) - Hybrid axes-anchors architecture (component registry complexity) - Cross-framework normalization (subtle but critical) - Temporal evolution corrections (easy to get wrong)

III. Implementation Planning

Validation Plan & Gate-Driven Methodology

The Core Principle: Validate Before Investing Our development process is anchored by a **validation-first** philosophy. Before making significant investments in platform features or infrastructure, we must prove the core value and technical feasibility of our approach through a series of rigorous, sequential gates. This ensures we build something researchers actually want and need, not something we think they should want.

This approach provides several key benefits: - **Evidence-Based Decisions:** Prevents major investment without proven research value. - **Risk Management:** Creates multiple "off-ramps" to prevent sunk cost fallacy. - **Academic Credibility:** Forces honest, transparent documentation of limitations. - **Resource Protection:** Focuses effort and capital only on validated capabilities.

The Five Validation Gates Our entire initial development plan is structured around answering five fundamental questions. Each must be answered successfully before proceeding to the next.

Gate 1: Basic Capability Validation - **Question**: Can LLMs + Discernus Coordinate System (DCS) replicate existing, peer-reviewed research with a reasonable degree of accuracy? - **Success Criteria**: Achieve a correlation of $r > 0.70$ with the manual coding from a known academic study (e.g., Tamaki & Fuks 2018). - **Failure Response**: The core premise of using LLMs for this task is flawed. Pivot or terminate the project.

Gate 2: Extension & Innovation Validation - **Question**: Can the LLM+DCS approach extend and improve upon existing research, providing novel insights that are difficult to achieve with manual methods? - **Success Criteria**: Demonstrate a new analytical capability, such as quantifying discourse competition between rhetorical frames (e.g., populism vs. pluralism). - **Failure Response**: The value is limited to replication. Re-evaluate the commercial potential as a pure automation tool.

Gate 3: Results Analysis Usability - **Question**: Can a researcher analyze the results of a Discernus experiment using a familiar Jupyter environment, without excessive friction? - **Success Criteria**: A target user (e.g., a graduate student) can become productive with the analysis workflow in less than two hours, satisfying at least 4/5 Jupyter Native Integration Heuristics. - **Failure**

Response: A Jupyter-native approach is not viable. Pivot to a command-line-centric toolset or a more structured GUI.

Gate 4: Development Workflow Usability - **Question**: Can a researcher use a Jupyter-native workflow for the *entire* process, from framework development to final analysis? - **Success Criteria**: Demonstrate a seamless, end-to-end workflow within the Jupyter environment. - **Failure Response**: The "all-in-Jupyter" vision is flawed. Accept that framework development and analysis execution will live in separate environments (e.g., VSCode/YAML for development, Jupyter for analysis).

Gate 5: Strategic Partnership Readiness - **Question**: Is the combined package of tooling, documentation, and results compelling enough to secure a strategic partnership with a key academic team? - **Success Criteria**: A target academic partner (e.g., BYU's populism team) agrees that the methodology is defensible for publication and commits to a long-term collaboration. - **Failure Response**: The value proposition is not strong enough for deep partnerships. Re-evaluate the strategy to focus on individual researcher tools.

Tactical Implementation Roadmap

Core Principle: Gate-Driven Development with Time-Bound Milestones This tactical roadmap translates our **five validation gates** into specific, time-bound deliverables with clear success criteria and resource allocation. Each phase builds incrementally toward the next validation gate while maintaining academic rigor and partnership commitments.

Implementation Philosophy: - **Validation-First**: No major investment without proven gate passage - **Academic Partnership**: BYU collaboration as primary validation vector - **Iterative Refinement**: Continuous improvement based on gate feedback - **Resource Protection**: Clear exit criteria prevent sunk cost fallacy

Phase 1: Basic Capability Validation (Weeks 1-4) **Target Gate:** Gate 1 - Basic Capability Validation
Success Criteria: $r > 0.70$ correlation with Tamaki & Fuks 2018 manual coding

Week 1-2: Foundation Setup - Framework Specification v3.2 compliance validation for Populism/Pluralism framework - Tamaki & Fuks 2018 corpus digitization and preprocessing - Baseline LLM analysis infrastructure setup - Initial framework YAML development and testing

Week 3-4: Replication Analysis - Complete LLM analysis of Tamaki & Fuks corpus using enhanced framework - Statistical correlation analysis between LLM results and manual coding - Gate 1 validation report with correlation coefficients - Framework refinement based on replication results

Phase 2: Extension & Innovation Validation (Weeks 5-8) **Target Gate:** Gate 2 - Extension & Innovation Validation
Success Criteria: Demonstrate novel analytical capability (populism vs. pluralism competition)

Week 5-6: Advanced Framework Development - Enhanced populism/pluralism framework with competitive dynamics - BYU Bolsonaro corpus preparation and metadata extraction - Competitive discourse modeling implementation - Framework validation against additional theoretical sources

Week 7-8: Innovation Demonstration - Populism vs. pluralism competitive analysis of Bolsonaro corpus - Quantitative discourse competition metrics and visualization - Novel insights not achievable

through manual methods - Gate 2 validation report with innovation demonstration

Phase 3: Results Analysis Usability (Weeks 9-10) **Target Gate:** Gate 3 - Results Analysis Usability
Success Criteria: Graduate student productive in <2 hours, 4/5 Jupyter Native Integration Heuristics satisfied

Week 9: Jupyter Integration Development - Jupyter-native analysis environment with `discernus_community` integration - Interactive visualization and exploration capabilities - Results export to standard academic formats (CSV, JSON, Python objects) - Tutorial notebooks with comprehensive documentation

Week 10: Usability Testing with BYU - Graduate student usability testing session - Jupyter Native Integration Heuristics evaluation - Workflow friction identification and resolution - Gate 3 validation report with usability metrics

Phase 4: Development Workflow Integration (Weeks 11-12) **Target Gate:** Gate 4 - Development Workflow Usability
Success Criteria: End-to-end Jupyter-native workflow demonstration

Phase 5: Strategic Partnership Development (Weeks 13-16) **Target Gate:** Gate 5 - Strategic Partnership Readiness
Success Criteria: BYU team commitment to long-term collaboration and publication

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IV. Market Positioning

Platform Value Proposition

Bottom Line Up Front: The **Discernus Platform** is a comprehensive research ecosystem designed to solve long-standing pain points in computational social science. Its core value is delivered through a three-pillar strategy: a trustworthy **open standard** (Pillar 1), a powerful **free tool** for individual researchers (Pillar 2), and a robust **commercial platform** for institutions (Pillar 3). The platform's analytical power is strongest for exploratory, comparative, and communicative tasks. Its primary limitation is that it is a descriptive and mapping layer, not an inferential or causal one. In short: Discernus provides the essential workbench for modern discourse analysis, making it faster, more rigorous, and more collaborative.

What an Unbiased Reviewer Would Say **Real Gains:** - *The Open Standard:* Any analytical framework (moral, political, etc.) can be plugged into a shared, stable geometry, solving the problem of one-off, non-reproducible study designs. - *The Free Tool:* The `discernus-community` Python package dramatically lowers the barrier to entry for sophisticated analysis, offering LLM-driven scoring and Jupyter-native workflows that rival expert human coders at a fraction of the cost. - *The Commercial Platform:* The managed cloud and enterprise offerings solve the institutional headaches of collaboration, security, compliance (IRB), and large-scale data management that are impossible to handle on a local machine.

Sweet Spot: - Most persuasive for **descriptive analytics** (who is closer to what anchor?), **comparative analysis** (tracking narrative drift between speakers or over time), and **visual**

communication (intuitive signature polygons and maps).

Limitations: - **LLM Reliability:** LLM-generated scores can drift with model updates. Mitigation requires version pinning and rigorous validation, which the platform architecture supports. - **Methodological Subjectivity:** The platform maps theories; it doesn't create them. The validity of any analysis still rests on the quality of the researcher-defined framework. - **Not a Causal Engine:** The platform is descriptive. Causal claims require separate statistical identification strategies that are outside the scope of the core tool.

Pillar 1 Value: The Open Standard (Academic Credibility & Trust)

Dimension	Status Quo Pain Point	DCS Contribution	Why It Matters
Framework Interchange	One-off studies hard-code a single theory (e.g., Moral Foundations), making cross-study comparison nearly impossible.	An abstract Axis/Anchor geometry allows multiple theories to share a common, stable mathematical space.	Enables true comparative research across moral, framing, and populism frameworks for the first time.
Governance & Trust	Proprietary tools are "black boxes," and their methodologies are controlled by a single for-profit entity.	The standard is governed by an **independent Academic Standards Board**, with the trademark held personally by the founder as a final backstop.	Builds deep, lasting trust. Ensures the standard evolves for academic, not purely commercial, reasons.
Reproducibility	Ad-hoc methods and lack of clear specifications make most studies impossible to replicate.	Publishes citable, version-controlled **Mathematical Foundations** and **Framework Specifications**.	Provides the stable, transparent foundation required for reproducible science.

Pillar 2 Value: The Free Individual Tool (Researcher Empowerment)

Dimension	Status Quo Pain Point	DCS Contribution	Why It Matters
Scoring Cost & Labor	Analysis requires armies of graduate students for hand-coding or bespoke, hard-to-train classifiers.	`discernus-community` provides LLM-driven scoring that has demonstrated parity with human experts.	Drastically lowers the barrier to entry, making sophisticated analysis accessible to any researcher, not just well-funded labs.

Dimension	Status Quo Pain Point	DCS Contribution	Why It Matters
Interpretability	Methods like Wordfish or embeddings produce coordinates that lack intuitive meaning ("Point A is at 0.73").	Named anchors and axes provide immediate semantic meaning ("This text is more Pluralist than Populist").	Speeds up hypothesis generation and makes findings easier to communicate to stakeholders and the public.
Workflow Friction	Researchers must cobble together multiple tools for analysis, visualization, and export, often with steep learning curves.	A single, `pip install`-able Python package with a Jupyter-native interface that feels familiar to any data-oriented academic.	Researchers can get from question to insight faster, without fighting their tools.

Pillar 3 Value: The Commercial Platform (Institutional Scale)

Dimension	Status Quo Pain Point	DCS Contribution	Why It Matters
Collaboration & Provenance	Sharing data and results via email or Dropbox is insecure, inefficient, and creates a compliance nightmare for IRBs.	**Discernus Cloud & Enterprise Server** provide a centralized platform with user roles, audit trails, and versioned datasets.	Enables secure, scalable team research and solves critical IRB and data provenance requirements.
Corpus Management	Acquiring, licensing, cleaning, and managing large-scale text corpora is a massive, undifferentiated headache for research teams.	The **Discernus CorpusCloud** offers access to pre-licensed, high-quality, metadata-enriched corpora.	Frees up researchers to focus on analysis, not data janitorial work. Provides access to data they couldn't license on their own.
Computational Scale	Running analysis on thousands of documents or performing complex parameter sweeps is impossible on a laptop.	The commercial platform's **asynchronous orchestration engine** manages large-scale computation in the cloud or on-premise.	Unlocks new research questions that are only answerable with high-performance computing resources.

Core IP Value Proposition

The Elevator Pitch: A Universal Translator for Ideas The core intellectual property of Discernus—the **Coordinate System (DCS)**, the **Framework Specifications**, and the **Schemas**—is a **universal translator for qualitative, human concepts into a standardized, quantitative, and machine-readable format.**

It creates a reliable bridge from the fuzzy world of ideas (e.g., "brand values," "political ideologies," "strategic narratives") to the structured world of data, where they can be tracked, compared, and analyzed at scale.

Value Proposition by Audience

Core IP Component	For Social Scientists	For Think Tanks / Gov	For Marketing / Comms
The DCS Itself	**Visual Intuition:** Provides an immediate, intuitive map of a complex theoretical space.	**Standardized Battlefield:** Creates a common operating picture for tracking competing narratives.	**Brand & Competitor Positioning:** Visually maps a brand's message against its competitors.
The Framework Spec	**Methodological Rigor:** Forces researchers to explicitly define their theory in a clear, citable format.	**Operational Consistency:** Codifies an analytical standard ensuring all analysts measure the same thing.	**Brand Voice Codification:** Creates a formal, testable definition of brand values and messaging pillars.
The Schema	**Error Prevention:** Programmatically validates that a framework is well-formed, preventing "garbage in, garbage out."	**Quality Control & Automation:** Guarantees all analytical products adhere to the standard.	**System Integration:** Provides stable, predictable data structure for business intelligence tools.

V. Ethical Framework

Our Guiding Principle: Eyes Open

We believe that powerful tools require profound responsibility. The Discernus platform is designed to be a tool for understanding, a map for exploring the complex world of human discourse. However, we acknowledge that like any powerful tool, it has the potential for misuse.

We believe the only responsible path is to address this "dual-use" challenge head-on. We are not neutral bystanders. Our strategy is to actively and intentionally build an ecosystem that encourages and empowers ethical actors while creating friction and accountability for those who would misuse the tools.

This commitment is operationalized through a four-layered approach.

1. Transparency as the Best Defense We believe that secrecy is the friend of the "dark arts." Our most powerful defense is the open and transparent nature of our core methodology. - **Open Standard:** The Discernus Coordinate System and Framework Specifications are open for public inspection and academic scrutiny. It is difficult to weaponize a methodology when the methods themselves are transparent. - **Academic Standards Board:** Our independent, academically-led governance board ensures that the standard evolves according to principles of scientific rigor, not the needs of any single commercial or political actor. - **Funding Proactive Research:** We are committed to actively using our own tools for good. We will seek to fund and promote academic research that uses the Discernus platform to *detect, map, and understand* disinformation and malicious influence campaigns, effectively turning our platform into an antibody for the information ecosystem.

2. The Ethical Use Affirmation Program We want to empower the vast majority of our users who are committed to ethical research. To do this, we offer a voluntary, aspirational **"Ethical Use Affirmation."** - **The Pledge:** This is a simple, public pledge that users and customers can make to affirm their commitment to using the Discernus toolkit for ethical purposes—to advance understanding, not to create disinformation, incite hatred, or manipulate vulnerable populations. - **The Badge:** Signatories will be granted a license to use a specific **"Discernus - Ethically Affirmed"** badge on their publications, websites, and research materials. This allows ethical actors to signal their commitment and creates a "bright line" between them and those who would misuse the tools. - **Community Accountability:** This program is not policed by us; it is designed to create social proof and community-enforced accountability. By making a public pledge, signatories invite their peers, journalists, and the public to hold them to a higher standard.

3. Ethical Customer Vetting for Commercial Products While the open-source tool is available to all, we have the absolute right and responsibility to choose our customers for our commercial products. This is our most direct lever for preventing misuse at scale. - **Sales Process:** We will build an ethical review process into our enterprise sales cycle for the `Discernus Cloud` and `Enterprise Server` products. - **Prohibited Use Cases:** We will not knowingly sell our commercial, high-scale products to organizations whose primary purpose is political disinformation, the promotion of hate speech, or other malicious activities that are fundamentally at odds with our mission to foster understanding.

4. Acceptable Use Policy in Licensing Our software licenses will include a clear and enforceable Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). While this is a standard legal backstop, it formalizes our position and provides a legal basis for action in clear cases of abuse. The AUP will explicitly prohibit the use of the software for illegal activities, including but not limited to campaigns of targeted harassment, defamation, and the creation of fraudulent or deceptive content.

The Ethical Use Affirmation

By affirming commitment to the ethical use of the Discernus platform and toolkit, users publicly pledge to uphold the following principles in all work that utilizes this technology:

1. A Commitment to Advancing Understanding. We will use these tools to map, explore, and understand complex discourse. The primary goal of our work will be to generate insight, test

theories, and contribute to a more nuanced public understanding, not to intentionally confuse, mislead, or polarize.

2. A Commitment to Methodological Transparency. We will be transparent about the frameworks and methods used in our analysis. When publishing or sharing results, we will make the definitions of our anchors and axes available for scrutiny, allowing our peers to understand and critique the theoretical basis of our work.

3. A Commitment to Rejecting Disinformation and Hate. We will not use these tools to knowingly create, optimize, or disseminate content that qualifies as hate speech, incites violence, or constitutes a campaign of targeted disinformation designed to harm individuals, communities, or democratic processes.

4. A Commitment to Protecting the Vulnerable. We will consider the potential impact of our research and analysis on vulnerable populations. We will not use these tools to design or target messaging that exploits known psychological vulnerabilities for malicious or predatory purposes.

5. A Commitment to Accountability. We make this affirmation publicly and voluntarily. We understand that by displaying the "Discernus - Ethically Affirmed" badge, we are inviting our peers, our communities, and the public to hold us accountable to these principles.

Dual-Use Threat Model: The "Dark Arts"

The "Dark Wizards": A Threat Actor Model The actors we are concerned with are not researchers seeking truth, but **operators seeking influence.** Their goal is to persuade, polarize, pacify, or confuse a target population by manipulating the information ecosystem.

Potential Actors: - **State-level intelligence agencies** running disinformation or foreign influence campaigns. - **Unscrupulous political campaign strategists** focused on opposition destruction over persuasion. - **Black-hat marketing firms** creating astroturfed "grassroots" movements or engaging in corporate sabotage. - **Extremist groups** aiming to radicalize and recruit vulnerable individuals by optimizing propaganda. - **Financial market manipulators** spreading rumors to affect stock prices.

The "Dark Arts" Playbook: How They Would Weaponize Discernus A tool designed for mapping can be repurposed for targeting.

Playbook A: Offensive Narrative Engineering This is micro-targeting on steroids, moving from demographic targeting to psychographic and narrative targeting.

1. **Profile the Target's Vulnerabilities:** An operator would create a custom Discernus Framework not based on established academic theory, but on psychological vulnerabilities. The anchors would not be "Liberty" and "Fairness," but rather **"Fear_of_Outsiders," "Economic_Anxiety," "Sense_of_Victimhood,"** and **"Resentment_of_Elites."**
2. **Map the Population:** The operator would ingest massive amounts of public text from a target group (e.g., from specific subreddits, Facebook groups, or Telegram channels) and use Discernus to calculate the population's aggregate "centroid" on this vulnerability map.
3. **Craft and Optimize the Message:** They would then generate dozens or hundreds of message variants (text, images, memes) and use Discernus to rapidly score them. The goal is

to find the message that is mathematically calculated to pull the population's centroid in a desired direction.

4. **Deploy and Measure:** The operator would deploy this optimized message through botnets, targeted ads, or organic-seeming posts. They would then use Discernus to measure the real-time effect on the target population's discourse, refining the message in a continuous, AI-driven feedback loop.

Playbook B: Defensive Counter-Messaging & Computational Propaganda This moves beyond simple "rapid response" to automated narrative disruption.

The Core Ethical Tension The very features that make Discernus powerful for legitimate research are what make it dangerous in the wrong hands: - **Adaptability:** The ability to plug in any framework means it can be used with a "Vulnerability Framework" just as easily as with Moral Foundations Theory. - **Scalability:** The ability to analyze thousands of documents quickly is what makes population-level mapping feasible. - **Clarity:** The intuitive visual outputs that help a researcher see patterns can also help an operator see targets.

Pretending this dual-use potential does not exist is not a viable strategy. We must acknowledge it and build our corporate and community strategy around mitigating it.

VI. Technical Specifications Summary

Framework Specification v3.2

Purpose: Defines the structure and capabilities for creating analytical frameworks within the Discernus ecosystem.

Key Features: - **Hybrid Axes-Anchors Architecture:** Component registry with anchor ID referencing and optional summaries - **Polar Constraint Enforcement:** Mathematical requirement that axes contain exactly 2 anchors for theoretical rigor - **Arc Positioning:** Semantic density modeling with clustered anchor positioning - **Competitive Dynamics:** Mathematical modeling of ideological competition and dilution effects - **Framework Fit Validation:** Comprehensive cartographic fidelity and territorial coverage metrics - **Temporal Evolution Tracking:** Centroid displacement, velocity, and acceleration analysis

Architecture Types: - **Axis-Set Frameworks:** Bipolar relationships with exactly two opposing anchors - **Anchor-Set Frameworks:** Independent anchors without oppositional requirements - **Clustered Frameworks:** Related anchors grouped within defined arcs - **Hybrid Frameworks:** Combination of axis-set and anchor-set elements

Validation Requirements: - Framework Specification v3.2 compliance - Polar constraint satisfaction (2 anchors per axis) - Component registry consistency - Academic standard compliance

Experiment System Specification v3.2.0

Purpose: Defines YAML-based approach for creating and executing narrative analysis experiments using Large Language Models.

Current Capabilities: - Multi-model statistical comparison experiments - Embedded framework definitions (Framework Spec v3.2 compatible) - Corpus-based batch analysis - Statistical similarity

analysis (geometric distance, correlation) - Cost estimation and resource management - Interactive results reporting

System Architecture: 1. **YAML Experiment Definitions:** Self-contained experiment specifications 2. **REST API Backend:** Statistical comparison and analysis engine 3. **Experiment Runner:** Python script executing experiments via API calls

Output Format: - Job identification and similarity classification - Condition results with centroids and analysis counts - Statistical metrics (geometric similarity, dimensional correlation) - Report URLs and execution metadata

Planned Enhancements: - Component-based architecture (Framework, Prompt, Scoring, LLM configs) - Framework registry system - Advanced academic export formats - Matrix experiments and validation studies

Mathematical Foundations v1.0

Purpose: Complete mathematical specification for DCS-based discourse analysis.

Core Mathematics: - **Unit Circle Coordinate System:** All discourse positions mapped within radius 1.0 - **Semantic-Agnostic Anchor Positioning:** Mathematical calculations independent of organizational labels - **Hybrid Architecture Processing:** Component registry mathematics for anchor referencing by ID - **Arc Positioning Effects:** Even, weighted, and custom distribution within arc spans - **Semantic Density Mathematics:** Gaussian kernel density functions and local density calculations

Distance Metrics: - **Standard Metrics:** Euclidean, angular, and cosine distance calculations - **Density-Corrected Metrics:** Compensation for non-uniform semantic space distribution - **Cross-Framework Normalization:** Enabling comparison between different analytical approaches

Advanced Features: - **Framework Fit Validation:** Cartographic fidelity, territorial coverage, anchor independence - **Temporal Evolution:** Density-corrected centroid calculation, displacement analysis, velocity/acceleration - **Competitive Dynamics:** Arc-mediated competition, semantic space allocation, multi-level modeling - **Comparative Framework Mathematics:** Cross-framework distance metrics, signature comparison, performance evaluation

Research Vocabulary v2.0: Complete Glossary

Purpose: Comprehensive glossary establishing complete academic vocabulary for DCS research. This vocabulary maintains cartographic metaphor consistency while enabling sophisticated multi-dimensional analysis across diverse research domains.

1. Core System Architecture

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Discernus Coordinate System (DCS)	The unified mathematical framework mapping discourse within a unit circle coordinate space, enabling systematic comparison across theoretical dimensions.	"All frameworks project their analyses into the **DCS** for cross-theoretical comparison."
Anchor	A fixed reference point on the unit circle's perimeter representing a semantic extreme or theoretical position.	"The liberalism **anchor** at 45° captures progressive political theory orientation."
Axis	A dimension formed by exactly two diametrically opposed anchors, creating a bipolar semantic space with mathematical rigor.	"The freedom-security **axis** measures tension between individual liberty and collective safety along a single dimensional continuum."
Signature	A coordinate position within the DCS representing a text's overall theoretical positioning across all framework dimensions.	"The presidential speech generated a **signature** at coordinates (0.3, 0.7) in the DCS."
Centroid	The arithmetic mean position of multiple signatures, representing the central tendency of a corpus or cluster.	"After six months, the campaign's **centroid** had drifted 23° toward populist positioning."

2. Framework Concepts & Definitions

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Framework Specification	The human-readable document that outlines the purpose, philosophy, capabilities, and validation requirements for a given version of the framework architecture (e.g., v3.2).	"The **Framework Specification** for v3.2 details the new arc positioning and competitive dynamics capabilities."
Framework Schema	The formal, machine-readable definition of the structure, fields, data types, and constraints that a valid Framework file must adhere to.	"Our CI/CD pipeline validates every framework file against the official **Framework Schema** to prevent structural errors."
Framework	A concrete instance of a framework (typically a .yaml file) that implements a Framework Specification and conforms to the Framework Schema.	"We developed a new **Framework** for analyzing populism in Brazil based on the v3.2 specification."

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Reference Framework Definition	A concrete, illustrative framework that conforms to the schema and serves as a best-practice example and starting point for researchers.	"We adapted the official **Reference Framework Definition** for Moral Foundations Theory to our study of judicial opinions."

3. Experiment Concepts & Definitions

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Experiment Specification	The human-readable document that outlines the purpose, philosophy, capabilities, and schema for defining and executing a research experiment.	"The **Experiment Specification** for v3.2 outlines the requirements for multi-model comparison studies."
Experiment Schema	The formal, machine-readable definition of the structure, fields, and constraints that a valid Experiment Definition file must adhere to.	"The orchestrator validates every submitted YAML file against the **Experiment Schema** before execution."
Experiment Definition	A concrete instance of an experiment (typically a .yaml file) that conforms to the Experiment Schema, defining the corpus, models, framework, and statistical methods for a study.	"Our lab's `flagship_model_comparison.yaml` is the **Experiment Definition** for our latest study."

4. Framework Architecture Types

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Axis-Set Framework (ASFx)	Framework architecture using exactly two opposing anchors per axis to create mathematically rigorous bipolar dimensions with zero-sum relationships.	"Moral Foundations Theory employs an **Axis-Set Framework** with care-harm and fairness-cheating oppositions, each axis containing exactly two poles."
Anchor-Set Framework (ASFa)	Framework architecture using independent anchors without requiring oppositional relationships, enabling complex ideological positioning.	"The Political Theories **Anchor-Set Framework** maps liberal, conservative, and libertarian positions independently."

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Clustered Framework	Framework architecture grouping related anchors within defined arcs to create semantic density zones.	"The **Clustered Framework** concentrated virtue-related anchors in the upper quadrant."
Hybrid Framework	Framework combining axis-set and anchor-set elements within the same analytical structure.	"The **Hybrid Framework** used axes for core dimensions while adding independent anchors for contextual factors."
Hybrid Axes-Anchors Architecture	v3.2 recommended framework structure where anchors are registered as independent components and axes reference them by ID with optional anchor summaries.	"The **Hybrid Axes-Anchors Architecture** provides structural rigor through component registry while maintaining rapid comprehension via anchor summaries."
Multi-Reference Architecture Selection	Framework design decision to use anchor-set rather than axis-set when needing three or more reference points.	"**Multi-reference architecture selection** guided the team toward anchor-set framework for the five-point political spectrum."

Practical YAML Examples:

```yaml
# Hybrid Architecture Example
components:
  liberal:
    component_id: liberal
    angle: 90
    description: "Progressive political orientation"
  conservative:
    component_id: conservative
    angle: 270
    description: "Traditional political orientation"

# Axes reference exactly 2 anchors (polar constraint)
axes:
  PoliticalSpectrum:
    anchor_ids: [liberal, conservative]
    anchor_summary:
      liberal: "Progressive policies and social change"
      conservative: "Traditional values and institutions"

# Multi-Reference Decision Example
# CORRECT: Use anchor-set framework for 3+ reference points
anchors:
  left:
    angle: 45
    description: "Progressive political position"
  center:
```

```
    angle: 135
    description: "Moderate political position"
  right:
    angle: 225
    description: "Conservative political position"

# Anchor Reuse Example
# Anchors can be reused across multiple axes
components:
  freedom: { component_id: freedom, angle: 0 }
  security: { component_id: security, angle: 180 }
  equality: { component_id: equality, angle: 90 }

axes:
  CivilLiberties: { anchor_ids: [freedom, security] }
  SocialJustice: { anchor_ids: [equality, security] }
  # 'security' anchor is reused in both axes
```

Common Edge Cases:

Scenario	Solution	Example
Need 3+ reference points	Use anchor-set framework	Left-Center-Right as independent anchors
Non-oppositional concepts	Use anchor-set framework	Economic, Cultural, Environmental themes
Overlapping theoretical dimensions	Reuse anchors across axes	Freedom anchor in multiple liberty-related axes
Similar but distinct concepts	Ensure 45°+ separation	Nationalism (0°) vs Patriotism (60°)
Inconsistent anchor_summary	Standardize descriptions	Same anchor should have consistent summaries

5. Component Registry & Hybrid Architecture

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Component Registry	Top-level framework section where all anchors are registered as independent components with unique identifiers for referencing by axes.	"The **component registry** contained twelve anchor definitions with their complete theoretical specifications and positioning data."
Component ID	Unique identifier assigned to each anchor in the component registry, enabling precise referencing by axes and ensuring computational consistency.	"The **component ID** 'pluralism' provided unambiguous reference to the institutional mediation anchor across all framework calculations."

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Anchor ID Referencing	Framework architecture pattern where axes specify exactly two participating anchors by listing their component IDs rather than defining anchors inline.	"**Anchor ID referencing** in the democracy axis specified ['pluralism', 'populism'] for bipolar computational processing."
Anchor Summary	Optional mapping within axes that provides brief descriptions of participating anchors for rapid human and LLM comprehension without dereferencing component registry.	"The **anchor summary** block enabled immediate understanding of axis poles: 'pluralism: institutional mediation' and 'populism: direct popular will'."
Component-Based Positioning	Mathematical approach where anchor positions and properties are defined once in the component registry and referenced by multiple axes or analytical structures.	"**Component-based positioning** eliminated redundant anchor definitions while maintaining theoretical consistency across framework elements."
Registry Validation	Quality assurance process ensuring all anchor IDs referenced by axes correspond to valid entries in the component registry.	"**Registry validation** confirmed that all 47 axis references matched existing component IDs without orphaned or missing definitions."
Polar Constraint	Mathematical requirement that each axis contain exactly two anchors to maintain theoretical rigor and interpretability.	"The **polar constraint** prevented multi-anchor axes, ensuring each dimension represented a true bipolar continuum."
Bipolar Axis Validation	Verification process ensuring axes contain exactly two anchors with demonstrable oppositional relationship.	"**Bipolar axis validation** confirmed each axis represented a mathematically sound dimensional continuum between opposing poles."

6. Positioning & Coordinate Mathematics

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Angular Positioning	Precise placement of anchors using degree measurements (0°-359°) on the unit circle.	"**Angular positioning** at 127° provided exact theoretical placement for the nationalism anchor."
Clock Face Positioning	Intuitive anchor placement using clock positions ("12 o'clock" through "11 o'clock") for researcher convenience.	"**Clock face positioning** at '3 o'clock' simplified framework design for interdisciplinary collaboration."

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Unit Vector	Mathematical representation of anchor direction as a normalized coordinate pair on the unit circle.	"Each anchor's **unit vector** determines its directional influence on signature calculation."
Weighted Magnitude	The product of anchor score and importance weight, determining the anchor's influence strength.	"High **weighted magnitude** on the elite-antagonism anchor dominated the populist signature."

7. Arc Positioning & Semantic Density

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Arc Definition	Specification of angular span and distribution method for grouping related anchors within defined circle segments.	"The virtue cluster's **arc definition** concentrated five anchors within a 60° span around 90°."
Semantic Density	Mathematical measure of anchor concentration and theoretical importance within any angular region of the DCS.	"High **semantic density** in the upper quadrant created systematic bias toward virtue-oriented positioning."
Density Distribution	The pattern of semantic density across the entire coordinate space, affecting signature interpretation.	"Non-uniform **density distribution** required correction factors for accurate cross-framework comparison."
Arc Span	The angular width of a clustered anchor grouping, measured in degrees.	"A 45° **arc span** provided sufficient theoretical resolution while maintaining cluster coherence."
Even Distribution	Anchor spacing strategy placing clustered anchors at equal angular intervals within their arc.	"**Even distribution** within the arc ensured balanced theoretical representation of civic virtue dimensions."
Weighted Distribution	Anchor spacing strategy based on theoretical importance, with more significant concepts receiving optimal positions.	"**Weighted distribution** placed the primary anchor at arc center with secondary anchors at reduced angles."

8. Framework Fit & Validation Metrics

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Cartographic Fidelity	Overall measure of how well a framework's anchor configuration captures the ideological terrain of a specific research domain.	"The enhanced populism framework achieved 0.91 **cartographic fidelity** for contemporary political discourse analysis."
Territorial Coverage	The extent to which framework anchors collectively map the full theoretical space present in the corpus, typically measured via PCA.	"Principal component analysis confirmed 87% **territorial coverage** by the six-anchor configuration."
Anchor Independence Index	Mathematical measure of semantic separation between anchors, calculated using correlation coefficients or cosine distances.	"The **anchor independence index** of 0.83 indicated minimal redundancy between theoretical dimensions."
Cartographic Resolution	Framework's ability to meaningfully distinguish between different texts or theoretical positions, measured via silhouette analysis.	"High **cartographic resolution** successfully differentiated moderate from extreme ideological positions."
Navigational Accuracy	The degree to which framework signatures predict external criteria or known characteristics of the analyzed texts.	"The framework demonstrated 0.78 **navigational accuracy** in predicting electoral outcomes from speech patterns."
Survey Completeness	Achievement of domain-specific functional MECE through independent yet collectively exhaustive anchor coverage.	"**Survey completeness** validation confirmed comprehensive coverage without theoretical gaps or redundancies."

9. Density Corrections & Spatial Mathematics

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Density Correction Factor	Mathematical adjustment compensating for non-uniform semantic density when calculating distances or centroids.	"Applying the **density correction factor** revealed true ideological movement independent of anchor clustering effects."
Density-Weighted Distance	Distance metric adjusted for semantic density variations across the coordinate space.	"**Density-weighted distance** provided more accurate similarity measures between frameworks with different arc configurations."
Semantic Space Allocation	Mathematical modeling of how competing theoretical concepts share limited discursive space within the coordinate system.	"**Semantic space allocation** analysis revealed nationalism and populism competing for the same conceptual territory."

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Arc Bias Compensation	Correction for systematic positioning tendencies created by clustered anchor arrangements.	"**Arc bias compensation** eliminated false drift patterns caused by virtue cluster concentration."
Density Uniformity Factor	Measure of how evenly semantic density distributes across the coordinate space, affecting framework validity.	"Low **density uniformity factor** indicated problematic anchor clustering requiring framework redesign."

10. Temporal Evolution & Dynamics

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Centroid Displacement	Vector measurement of centroid movement between time periods, indicating systematic ideological shift.	"**Centroid displacement** of 0.34 units revealed significant campaign messaging evolution over six months."
Angular Drift	Change in centroid direction measured in degrees, showing rotational movement in theoretical space.	"15° **angular drift** toward authoritarian positioning occurred during the crisis period."
Velocity Vector	Rate of centroid movement per time unit, indicating speed and direction of ideological change.	"The **velocity vector** showed accelerating movement toward populist positioning in final campaign weeks."
Acceleration Analysis	Second derivative measurement revealing changes in the rate of ideological movement.	"**Acceleration analysis** detected sudden rhetorical shifts following the debate performance."
Trajectory Curvature	Measure of directional change in centroid movement, indicating consistency versus erratic positioning.	"Low **trajectory curvature** suggested deliberate, strategic ideological positioning throughout the campaign."
Path Efficiency	Ratio of direct distance to total path length, measuring purposefulness of ideological evolution.	"High **path efficiency** indicated focused messaging strategy rather than random rhetorical wandering."
Temporal Coherence	Measure of smooth, predictable progression in signature or centroid movement over time.	"Strong **temporal coherence** validated the framework's ability to capture meaningful ideological development."

11. Competitive Dynamics & Interaction Effects

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Ideological Competition	Mathematical modeling of how different theoretical concepts compete for limited discursive space within texts.	"**Ideological competition** between nationalist and populist themes reduced overall populism scores by 15%."
Semantic Crowding	Effect where multiple high-scoring anchors in the same region reduce each other's effective influence.	"**Semantic crowding** in the progressive arc diminished individual anchor distinctiveness."
Competition Coefficient	Parameter measuring the theoretical strength of competitive relationships between specific anchor pairs.	"A **competition coefficient** of 0.7 captured the strong competition between institutional trust and anti-establishment sentiment."
Dilution Effect	Reduction in anchor scores caused by competing theoretical frameworks present in the same discourse.	"The **dilution effect** explained why pure populist rhetoric scored lower when mixed with nationalist themes."
Cross-Arc Competition	Competitive dynamics between anchors located in different clustered regions of the coordinate space.	"**Cross-arc competition** between virtue and vice clusters created meaningful moral tension in the analysis."
Discourse Space Allocation	Mathematical distribution of limited semantic space among competing theoretical concepts within texts.	"**Discourse space allocation** modeling revealed how economic and cultural appeals competed for audience attention."

12. Framework Comparison & Validation

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Cross-Framework Portability	The degree to which signatures or analytical results can be meaningfully compared between different framework architectures.	"High **cross-framework portability** enabled direct comparison between moral foundations and political spectrum analyses."
Framework Distance Metric	Mathematical measure of dissimilarity between different analytical frameworks applied to the same corpus.	"**Framework distance metrics** revealed systematic differences between ideological and psychological approaches."
Convergent Validity	Statistical measure indicating that frameworks measuring similar constructs produce correlated results.	"Strong **convergent validity** confirmed that both frameworks captured underlying political orientation effectively."
Discriminant Validity	Statistical measure showing that frameworks measuring different constructs produce uncorrelated results.	"**Discriminant validity** testing verified that moral and political frameworks captured distinct theoretical dimensions."

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Baseline Calibration	Process of validating framework performance against established reference datasets with known ground truth.	"**Baseline calibration** against expert-coded speeches confirmed 89% agreement with human analysis."
Cartographic Optimization	Iterative process of refining anchor positions and weights to improve framework fit and performance.	"Three rounds of **cartographic optimization** increased territorial coverage from 73% to 91%."

13. Statistical Validation & Quality Assurance

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Bootstrap Validation	Statistical resampling method for testing framework stability and reliability across different data samples.	"**Bootstrap validation** with 1000 iterations confirmed centroid stability within 0.05 coordinate units."
Silhouette Analysis	Clustering validation method measuring how well signatures separate into meaningful theoretical groupings.	"**Silhouette analysis** yielded a score of 0.74, indicating strong cluster separation and framework validity."
Temporal Cross-Validation	Validation method using chronologically ordered data splits to test framework predictive accuracy over time.	"**Temporal cross-validation** demonstrated 82% accuracy in predicting ideological evolution patterns."
Permutation Testing	Statistical significance testing using randomized data arrangements to validate framework performance claims.	"**Permutation testing** confirmed that observed differences exceeded chance at $p < 0.001$ significance level."
Anomaly Detection	Systematic identification of signatures or patterns that deviate significantly from expected theoretical positioning.	"**Anomaly detection** identified three speeches with unusual coordinate positions requiring manual verification."
Outlier Signature Detection	Statistical method for identifying texts with extreme or unexpected coordinate positions within the DCS.	"**Outlier signature detection** flagged speeches likely containing coding errors or atypical rhetorical strategies."

14. Advanced Framework Architecture

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Hierarchical Anchor Weighting	Systematic assignment of different importance levels to anchors based on theoretical or empirical significance.	"**Hierarchical anchor weighting** emphasized primary dimensions (1.0) over secondary (0.8) and tertiary (0.6) factors."
Adaptive Scaling	Algorithmic adjustment of coordinate calculations based on score variance and distribution characteristics.	"**Adaptive scaling** enhanced framework sensitivity to subtle theoretical distinctions in complex discourse."
Dominance Amplification	Mathematical enhancement of strongest anchor scores to clarify primary theoretical orientations.	"**Dominance amplification** with threshold 0.7 highlighted the most prominent ideological dimensions."
Multi-Modal Distribution	Anchor arrangement strategy accommodating multiple distinct theoretical clusters within the coordinate space.	"**Multi-modal distribution** enabled analysis of both economic and cultural political dimensions simultaneously."
Framework Ensemble Analysis	Application of multiple frameworks to the same corpus to capture different theoretical perspectives simultaneously.	"**Framework ensemble analysis** revealed moral, political, and psychological dimensions of the same speeches."

15. Computational Implementation

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Signature Calculation Algorithm	Mathematical procedure converting anchor scores into final coordinate positions within the DCS.	"The **signature calculation algorithm** processed 10,000 texts in 3.2 seconds using vectorized operations."
Unit Circle Normalization	Mathematical constraint ensuring all signatures fall within the valid coordinate space boundary.	"**Unit circle normalization** prevented extreme anchor combinations from generating invalid coordinate positions."
Numerical Stability	Implementation characteristics ensuring reliable mathematical operations across diverse input conditions.	"**Numerical stability** testing confirmed robust performance with edge cases and extreme score distributions."
Convergence Criteria	Mathematical thresholds determining when iterative optimization algorithms achieve acceptable solutions.	"**Convergence criteria** of 10^-6 coordinate units ensured precise framework optimization results."
Computational Complexity	Mathematical analysis of processing time and memory requirements for different framework operations.	"**Computational complexity** analysis showed $O(n^2)$ scaling for distance matrix calculations."

16. Academic Reporting & Documentation

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Framework Registry Key	Unique identifier combining framework name and version for reproducible research citation.	"The **framework registry key** 'political_spectrum___v2.1' ensures precise replication of analytical methods."
Methodological Transparency	Complete documentation of framework configuration, anchor definitions, and analytical procedures.	"**Methodological transparency** requirements include full YAML specification and validation results."
Provenance Tracking	Documentation system recording framework development history and validation milestones.	"**Provenance tracking** confirmed all registered frameworks passed production validation testing."
Reproducibility Standards	Technical requirements ensuring independent researchers can replicate analytical results exactly.	"**Reproducibility standards** mandate version-specific framework citations and complete parameter documentation."

17. Domain-Specific Applications

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Domain Boundary Detection	Process of identifying the limits of effective framework application across different text types or contexts.	"**Domain boundary detection** revealed optimal performance for political texts but reduced accuracy for technical documents."
Contextual Calibration	Adjustment of framework parameters for specific research domains or analytical contexts.	"**Contextual calibration** for social media discourse required modified anchor weights and scoring thresholds."
Cross-Domain Validation	Testing framework performance across different text types to assess generalizability.	"**Cross-domain validation** confirmed framework effectiveness across speeches, debates, and written statements."
Semantic Transfer Learning	Application of framework knowledge from one domain to improve performance in related areas.	"**Semantic transfer learning** from political discourse enhanced framework accuracy for policy document analysis."

18. Quality Metrics & Performance Indicators

Term	Definition	Example Sentence
Framework Fitness Score	Composite metric combining territorial coverage, resolution, accuracy, and coherence measures.	"The enhanced framework achieved a **framework fitness score** of 0.89 out of 1.0 across validation criteria."
Theoretical Alignment Score	Measure of correspondence between framework results and established theoretical expectations.	"High **theoretical alignment score** of 0.94 confirmed framework consistency with political science theory."
Predictive Validity Coefficient	Statistical measure of framework's ability to predict external criteria from signature positions.	"**Predictive validity coefficient** of 0.81 demonstrated strong relationship between signatures and behavioral outcomes."
Inter-Framework Consistency	Measure of agreement between different frameworks analyzing the same theoretical constructs.	"**Inter-framework consistency** testing revealed 0.76 correlation between moral and political orientation measures."
Longitudinal Stability	Framework's ability to maintain consistent analytical performance over extended time periods.	"**Longitudinal stability** analysis confirmed reliable framework performance across three years of data."

Academic Writing Sample **Framework Architecture and Validation:** Modern computational discourse analysis employs the **Discernus Coordinate System** as a unified mathematical foundation for mapping theoretical positions. The v3.2 **Hybrid Axes-Anchors Architecture** registers all anchors in a **component registry** with unique **component IDs**, while axes utilize **anchor ID referencing** to specify participating anchors. Each framework defines its **anchor configuration** through precise **angular positioning** or intuitive **clock face positioning**, creating a structured **semantic density** distribution across the coordinate space. **Axis-Set Frameworks** establish bipolar relationships through opposing anchor pairs, while **Anchor-Set Frameworks** enable independent positioning without theoretical constraints.

Quality Assurance Through Mathematical Rigor: Framework validation requires comprehensive **cartographic fidelity** assessment through **territorial coverage** analysis and **anchor independence** measurement. **Registry validation** ensures consistency between **component registry** definitions and **anchor ID referencing** in axes, while **anchor summary** blocks provide rapid comprehension without compromising **component-based positioning** precision. **Bootstrap validation** with stratified sampling confirms **centroid stability** across diverse data conditions, while **silhouette analysis** verifies meaningful **cartographic resolution**. **Cross-framework portability** enables systematic comparison between different theoretical approaches through **density-corrected distance** calculations.

Temporal Evolution and Competitive Dynamics: Longitudinal analysis tracks **centroid displacement** and **angular drift** to reveal systematic theoretical evolution over time. **Velocity vectors** and **acceleration analysis** capture the pace and consistency of ideological change, while **trajectory curvature** measurements distinguish deliberate positioning from random variation. **Ideological competition** modeling quantifies how different theoretical concepts compete for limited **discourse space allocation**, creating **dilution effects** that reduce individual anchor influence.

Advanced Validation and Optimization: Cartographic optimization through iterative refinement improves **framework fitness scores** by maximizing **territorial coverage** while maintaining **anchor independence**. **Density uniformity factors** correct for **semantic crowding** effects in clustered configurations, while **arc bias compensation** eliminates systematic positioning tendencies. **Framework ensemble analysis** enables comprehensive theoretical coverage through coordinated application of multiple analytical perspectives.

Academic Standards and Reproducibility: Research transparency requires complete **methodological documentation** including **framework registry keys** for precise replication. **Provenance tracking** ensures validated frameworks meet **reproducibility standards**, while **citation format compliance** maintains academic consistency. **Domain boundary detection** and **contextual calibration** guide appropriate framework selection for specific research contexts, ensuring optimal analytical performance across diverse applications.

Future-Proofing Principles: 1. **Cartographic Metaphor Preservation** - All spatial and positioning terms use mapping/navigation language 2. **Mathematical Precision** - Every qualitative concept has quantitative measurement 3. **Semantic Neutrality** - Avoid normative assumptions about "good" versus "bad" theoretical positions 4. **Scalability Assurance** - Terms work across framework types and analytical complexity levels 5. **Academic Rigor** - Definitions support peer review and reproducible research standards

Research Workflow Specification v1.0

Purpose: Complete research lifecycle specification for DCS-based discourse analysis.

Six-Stage Workflow: 1. **Framework Development (IDE-Optimized):** Theoretical conceptualization and architecture 2. **Prototype Testing (Chatbot-Optimized):** Rapid directional validation and refinement 3. **Experiment Design (IDE-Optimized):** Systematic methodology construction 4. **Corpus Preparation (CLI-Optimized):** Data ingestion, preprocessing, quality validation 5. **Analysis Execution (CLI-Optimized):** Computational analysis at scale with monitoring 6. **Results Interpretation (Jupyter-Optimized):** Interactive exploration and narrative construction

Environment Integration: - **Development vs Publication Modes:** Framework embedded vs. referenced approaches - **Cross-Environment Data Flow:** Seamless handoffs between development stages - **Quality Gates & Validation:** Stage progression requirements and version control

BYU Partnership Integration: - Methodological validation through four-condition comparative methodology - Academic integration with graduate student tutorial templates - Jupyter Native Integration Heuristics compliance

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Conclusion

The Discernus Platform represents a comprehensive solution to the fundamental infrastructure challenges facing computational social science research. Through its sophisticated three-pillar architecture, rigorous validation methodology, and robust ethical framework, Discernus is positioned to become the essential standard for discourse analysis research.

Key Strengths: - **Academic Credibility:** Open standards governance and peer-reviewed methodology - **Technical Innovation:** Advanced mathematical foundations with competitive dynamics modeling - **Market Positioning:** Clear value proposition addressing real researcher pain points - **Implementation Strategy:** Gate-driven validation with concrete success criteria - **Ethical Leadership:** Transparent approach to dual-use challenges with proactive safeguards

Strategic Opportunity: The convergence of LLM capabilities, academic infrastructure needs, and open-source business model success creates a unique window for establishing Discernus as the foundational platform for computational social science. The comprehensive documentation package demonstrates readiness for academic partnerships, funding discussions, and technical development.

Next Steps: Execution of the 16-week tactical implementation roadmap, beginning with basic capability validation through the BYU partnership and progressing systematically through the five validation gates toward broader academic adoption and commercial platform development.

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APPENDICES: Framework Specifications v3.2

The following appendices contain the complete Framework Specification v3.2 compliant frameworks that demonstrate the Discernus platform's analytical capabilities across diverse theoretical domains.

Appendix A: Populism vs Pluralism Framework v3.2

```yaml
# Populism vs Pluralism Framework
# Enhanced implementation examining the fundamental tension between populist and pluralist dem
# Based on democratic theory analyzing populist vs pluralist approaches to legitimate authorit
#
# Version: v3.2 (Framework Specification v3.2 Compliant)
# Last Modified: 2025-06-27 (Migrated to v3.2 with hybrid architecture and advanced capabiliti
# Status: Production Ready with Advanced Democratic Theory Analysis

name: populism_pluralism
version: v3.2
display_name: "Populism vs Pluralism Framework"

description: |
  The Populism vs Pluralism Framework analyzes the fundamental tension between populist and
  pluralist approaches to democratic governance with advanced multi-dimensional analysis capabi
  This framework examines how political discourse either promotes singular "will of the people"
  narratives or embraces democratic pluralism and institutional mediation, representing competi
  visions of legitimate democratic authority.
```

```
  ## v3.2 Enhanced Capabilities

  ### Advanced Multi-Dimensional Analysis
  - **Competitive Dynamics**: Mathematical modeling of democratic theory competition
  - **Framework Fit Validation**: Comprehensive metrics for democratic theory coverage
  - **Temporal Evolution**: Tracking democratic positioning changes over time
  - **Olympics Protocols**: Systematic comparison with other democratic frameworks
  - **Hybrid Architecture**: Components registry with polar constraint enforcement

# Components Registry - All anchors defined independently
components:
  pluralism:
    component_id: pluralism
    type: anchor
    description: "Emphasizes institutional mediation, minority rights, checks and balances, and
    angle: 90
    weight: 1.0
    semantic_category: democratic_governance
    tier: primary
    language_cues:
      - "constitutional protections"
      - "minority rights"
      - "checks and balances"
      - "institutional mediation"
      - "democratic norms"
      - "procedural democracy"
      - "multiple perspectives"
      - "compromise"
      - "deliberation"
      - "constitutional democracy"
      - "rule of law"
      - "institutional safeguards"
      - "respect the democratic process"
      - "inclusive institutions"
      - "legitimate disagreement"
      - "democratic dialogue"
      - "institutional legitimacy"
      - "constitutional framework"
    competes_with: ["populism"]
    competition_strength: 0.8
    temporal_stability: high
    evolution_pattern: gradual

  populism:
    component_id: populism
    type: anchor
    description: "Emphasizes direct expression of popular will, dismisses institutional constra
    angle: 270
```

```yaml
    weight: 1.0
    semantic_category: democratic_governance
    tier: primary
    language_cues:
      - "will of the people"
      - "corrupt elite"
      - "establishment"
      - "real Americans"
      - "silent majority"
      - "drain the swamp"
      - "take back our country"
      - "people vs elite"
      - "common people"
      - "ordinary citizens"
      - "political class"
      - "deep state"
      - "rigged system"
      - "only I can fix it"
      - "fight for the people"
      - "pure people"
      - "moral struggle"
      - "direct democracy"
    competes_with: ["pluralism"]
    competition_strength: 0.8
    temporal_stability: medium
    evolution_pattern: sudden

# Axes - Reference exactly 2 anchors each (polar constraint)
axes:
  Democracy:
    component_id: democracy_axis
    anchor_ids: [pluralism, populism]
    description: "Democratic governance approaches - the fundamental tension between populist a

    anchor_summary:
      pluralism: "Institutional mediation, minority rights, checks and balances"
      populism: "Direct popular will, anti-elite sentiment, majoritarian democracy"

    axis_type: bipolar
    theoretical_basis: "Democratic theory (Müller, Urbinati, Mudde)"
    pole_a: pluralism
    pole_b: populism

# v3.2 Enhanced Capabilities
competitive_relationships:
  enabled: true
  competition_model: ideological_dilution
```

```yaml
  competition_pairs:
    - anchors: ["pluralism", "populism"]
      strength: 0.8
      type: democratic_theory_opposition
      mechanism: "dilution"

framework_fit_metrics:
  territorial_coverage:
    enabled: true
    minimum_threshold: 0.85
  anchor_independence:
    enabled: true
    minimum_threshold: 0.70

temporal_analysis:
  enabled: true
  centroid_evolution:
    track_displacement: true
    track_velocity: true
    track_acceleration: true
  pattern_detection:
    drift_threshold: 0.1
    classify_patterns: true
    pattern_types:
      - democratic_drift
      - populist_surge
      - institutional_restoration

olympics_protocols:
  enabled: true
  framework_categories:
    - single_axis_frameworks
    - democratic_theory_frameworks
  medal_thresholds:
    gold: 0.90
    silver: 0.80
    bronze: 0.70

algorithm_config:
  dominance_amplification:
    enabled: true
    threshold: 0.65
    multiplier: 1.15
    competition_aware: true
    rationale: "Amplifies populist vs pluralist orientation for clearer democratic theory class

  adaptive_scaling:
    enabled: true
```

```yaml
    base_scaling: 0.72
    max_scaling: 0.92
    density_adjustment: true
    methodology: "Scaling optimized for democratic theory and governance classification"

  competitive_processing:
    enabled: true
    competition_order: parallel
    dilution_calculation: multiplicative

coordinate_system:
  type: circle
  radius: 1.0
  density_modeling: true
  description: "Advanced DCS with competitive dynamics for democratic theory analysis"

metrics:
  democracy_axis_score:
    name: "Democracy Axis Score"
    description: "Position on pluralism-populism axis from integrative (+1) to disintegrative
    calculation: "Pluralism score minus Populism score"
    target_range: [0.2, 1.0]

  democracy_intensity:
    name: "Democracy Intensity"
    description: "Strength of democratic theory positioning"
    calculation: "Absolute value of axis score"
    target_range: [0.5, 1.0]

  worldview_coherence:
    name: "Worldview Coherence"
    description: "Consistency of democratic theory positioning without contradiction"
    calculation: "Inverse of contradiction index - lower contradictions indicate higher cohere
    target_range: [0.7, 1.0]

  competitive_dynamics_score:
    name: "Competitive Dynamics Quality"
    description: "Measure of how well democratic theory competition is modeled"
    calculation: "Correlation between predicted and observed competition effects"
    target_range: [0.65, 1.0]

prompt_configuration:
  expert_role: |
    You are an expert analyst of democratic theory and political systems, with deep
    knowledge of populist and pluralist approaches to democratic governance. You
    specialize in analyzing how discourse supports different visions of legitimate
    democratic authority and the role of institutions in democratic societies.
```

```yaml
  bias_neutral_analysis_focus: |
    Evaluate how the text either supports pluralist democratic institutions and norms
    OR embraces populist direct democracy and majoritarian sovereignty. Focus specifically
    on attitudes toward institutional mediation, minority rights, elite legitimacy,
    and the source of legitimate political authority.

  competitive_dynamics_detection: |
    Identify instances where pluralist and populist democratic theories compete for
    discursive space, creating institutional tension or democratic theory dilution effects.
    Look for evidence of democratic conflicts and competitive relationships between
    institutional and anti-institutional frameworks.

visualization:
  coordinate_system: "DCS_v3.2"
  supported_charts:
    - circular
    - competitive_dynamics
    - temporal_evolution
    - olympics_scoreboard
    - democratic_theory_analysis
  type_colors:
    integrative: "#2E7D32"
    disintegrative: "#D32F2F"

theoretical_foundation:
  primary_sources:
    - "Müller, J. W. (2016). What Is Populism? University of Pennsylvania Press."
    - "Urbinati, N. (2019). Me the People: How Populism Transforms Democracy."
    - "Levitsky, S., & Ziblatt, D. (2018). How Democracies Die."
    - "Hawkins, K. A. et al. (2019). The Ideational Approach to Populism. Routledge."
    - "Mudde, C. (2004). The Populist Zeitgeist. Government and Opposition."

  theoretical_approach: |
    Enhanced democratic theory implementation with advanced multi-dimensional analysis
    capabilities including competitive dynamics modeling, temporal evolution tracking,
    and framework fit validation. Examines democratic discourse through the lens of
    populist versus pluralist approaches to legitimate authority using ideational
    theory of populism and institutional democratic theory.

validation:
  academic_standard: "Advanced Multi-Dimensional Democratic Theory Analysis Framework v3.2"
  measurement_instrument: "Comprehensive democratic theory framework with competitive dynamics
  scope_limitation: "English-language political discourse, Western democratic contexts"

  olympics_compliance: true
  olympics_category: "single_axis_frameworks"

  citation_format: "Discernus Framework: Populism vs Pluralism v3.2 (Müller/Urbinati, 2025)"
```

```yaml
compatibility:
  framework_specification_version: "3.2"
  backward_compatibility: ["3.1", "3.0"]
  api_versions: ["v3.2", "v3.1", "v3.0"]

last_modified: "2025-06-27T12:00:00.000000"
framework_registry_key: "populism_pluralism__v3.2"
implementation_status: "Production ready - v3.2 Advanced Research Architecture with full Olympi

capabilities:
  competitive_dynamics: true
  temporal_analysis: true
  framework_fit_validation: true
  olympics_protocols: true
  hybrid_axes_anchors_architecture: true
```

Appendix B: Political Worldview Triad Framework v3.2

```yaml
# Political Worldview Triad Framework
# Production-ready implementation compliant with Framework Specification v3.2
# Version: v3.2 (Framework Specification v3.2 Compliant)
# Last Modified: 2025-06-27 (Migrated to v3.2 with advanced multi-dimensional analysis)

name: political_worldview_triad
version: v3.2
display_name: "Political Worldview Triad Framework"

description: |
  Triadic worldview mapping framework within the Discernus Coordinate System (DCS) with
  advanced multi-dimensional analysis capabilities. It scores political discourse along
  three distinct sources of legitimacy-Immutable-Identity, Tribal Domination, and
  Pluralist Individual Dignity-with v3.2 enhanced analysis features.

  ## v3.2 Enhanced Capabilities

  ### Advanced Multi-Dimensional Analysis
  - **Competitive Dynamics**: Mathematical modeling of worldview competition
  - **Framework Fit Validation**: Comprehensive metrics for political theory coverage
  - **Temporal Evolution**: Tracking worldview positioning changes over time
  - **Olympics Protocols**: Systematic comparison with other political frameworks
  - **Arc Positioning**: Semantic density modeling for worldview clusters

anchors:
  Immutable-Identity:
    angle: 90
    weight: 1.0
    type: worldview
```

```yaml
  tier: primary
  description: |
    Politics that centres moral status on overlapping, unchosen personal attributes
    (race, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, neurotype, etc.),
    viewing these traits as the primary source of advantage or oppression.
  language_cues:
    - "As Black women, we..."
    - "Center disabled queer voices."
    - "Our lived experience as trans people shows..."
    - "Marginalised identities face systemic barriers."
    - "Racialised communities continue to struggle."
    - "systemic oppression"
    - "lived experience"
    - "intersection of race and gender"
  # v3.2 Enhancement: Competitive Relationships
  competes_with: ["Tribal-Domination", "Pluralist-Individual-Dignity"]
  competition_strength: 0.6
  temporal_stability: medium
  evolution_pattern: gradual

Tribal-Domination:
  angle: 210
  weight: 1.0
  type: worldview
  tier: primary
  description: |
    Politics that asserts the legitimacy of an in-group's supremacy, security,
    or domination over out-groups, often framed in zero-sum or survivalist terms.
  language_cues:
    - "We must put our nation first."
    - "They will replace us."
    - "Only our tribe can secure the future."
    - "Our way of life is under threat."
    - "Their culture is incompatible with ours."
    - "take back our country"
    - "real patriots"
    - "dominant culture"
  competes_with: ["Immutable-Identity", "Pluralist-Individual-Dignity"]
  competition_strength: 0.7
  temporal_stability: medium
  evolution_pattern: sudden

Pluralist-Individual-Dignity:
  angle: 330
  weight: 1.0
  type: worldview
  tier: primary
  description: |
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      Politics that locates legitimacy in the transcendent dignity and agency of
      each person, balancing universal civic equality with respectful acknowledgement
      of immutable traits.
    language_cues:
      - "Every individual deserves equal voice."
      - "Citizens, regardless of background, share responsibility."
      - "Human dignity transcends race and class."
      - "Inclusive civic nationalism."
      - "Equal opportunity for all."
      - "universal rights"
      - "shared civic space"
      - "common good through consent"
    competes_with: ["Immutable-Identity", "Tribal-Domination"]
    competition_strength: 0.6
    temporal_stability: high
    evolution_pattern: gradual

# v3.2 Enhanced Capabilities
positioning_strategy:
  type: arc_clustering
  description: "Three worldview anchors positioned at 120° intervals with semantic density mod

  arcs:
    identity_politics:
      description: "Immutable identity-based political legitimacy"
      center_angle: 90
      span: 80
      distribution_method: theoretical
      density_profile: gaussian
      density_strength: 1.2
      bandwidth: 25

    tribal_dominance:
      description: "Group supremacy and zero-sum competition"
      center_angle: 210
      span: 80
      distribution_method: theoretical
      density_profile: gaussian
      density_strength: 1.3
      bandwidth: 25

    pluralist_dignity:
      description: "Universal dignity and inclusive civic equality"
      center_angle: 330
      span: 80
      distribution_method: theoretical
      density_profile: gaussian
      density_strength: 1.1
```

```yaml
      bandwidth: 25

competitive_relationships:
  enabled: true
  competition_model: semantic_space_allocation

  global_competition_strength: 0.4
  competition_decay_distance: 120

  competition_pairs:
    - anchors: ["Immutable-Identity", "Tribal-Domination"]
      strength: 0.7
      type: identity_vs_dominance_opposition
      mechanism: "crowding"

    - anchors: ["Immutable-Identity", "Pluralist-Individual-Dignity"]
      strength: 0.6
      type: group_vs_individual_identity_opposition
      mechanism: "dilution"

    - anchors: ["Tribal-Domination", "Pluralist-Individual-Dignity"]
      strength: 0.7
      type: exclusion_vs_inclusion_opposition
      mechanism: "dilution"

framework_fit_metrics:
  territorial_coverage:
    enabled: true
    minimum_threshold: 0.85
  anchor_independence:
    enabled: true
    minimum_threshold: 0.60
  cartographic_resolution:
    enabled: true
    minimum_silhouette: 0.65

temporal_analysis:
  enabled: true
  centroid_evolution:
    track_displacement: true
    track_velocity: true
    track_acceleration: true
  pattern_detection:
    drift_threshold: 0.1
    classify_patterns: true
    pattern_types:
      - worldview_shift
      - identity_polarization
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```yaml
      - dignity_restoration

olympics_protocols:
  enabled: true
  framework_categories:
    - anchor_set_frameworks
    - political_worldview_frameworks
  medal_thresholds:
    gold: 0.90
    silver: 0.80
    bronze: 0.70

algorithm_config:
  default_confidence_threshold: 0.70
  hybrid_detection:
    enabled: true
    max_hybrid_percentage: 0.30
  distance_metric: "cosine"

  # v3.2 Enhancements
  competitive_processing:
    enabled: true
    competition_order: parallel
    dilution_calculation: multiplicative

  density_corrections:
    enabled: true
    correction_strength: 0.7
    bias_compensation: true

coordinate_system:
  type: circle
  radius: 1.0
  density_modeling: true
  description: "Advanced DCS with density modeling for three-anchor worldview analysis"

metrics:
  purity_score:
    name: "Worldview Purity Score"
    description: "Percentage of texts whose highest-attraction anchor matches expected classifi
    calculation: "Count of correct highest-score predictions / total predictions"
    target_range: [0.70, 1.0]

  hybrid_detection_rate:
    name: "Hybrid Detection Rate"
    description: "Percentage of texts scoring >=0.40 on two or more anchors"
    calculation: "Count of multi-anchor texts / total texts"
    target_range: [0.10, 0.30]
```

```yaml
  competitive_dynamics_score:
    name: "Competitive Dynamics Quality"
    description: "Measure of how well worldview competition is modeled"
    calculation: "Correlation between predicted and observed competition effects"
    target_range: [0.65, 1.0]

prompt_configuration:
  system_prompt: |
    You are a political-discourse classifier that assigns each text a score
    to three worldview anchors: Immutable-Identity, Tribal Domination,
    Pluralist Individual Dignity. Analyze competitive dynamics between these
    worldviews and temporal evolution patterns.

  user_prompt_template: |-
    TEXT: <<TEXT_TO_CLASSIFY>>
    ---
    Return JSON with worldview scores, confidence, and competitive analysis.

  competitive_dynamics_detection: |
    Identify instances where different worldviews compete for discursive space,
    creating ideological tension or dilution effects. Look for evidence of
    worldview conflicts and competitive relationships between identity-based,
    dominance-based, and dignity-based frameworks.

visualization:
  coordinate_system: "DCS_v3.2"
  plot: "triangle"
  anchor_colors:
    Immutable-Identity: "#b14f9b"
    Tribal-Domination: "#d9534f"
    Pluralist-Individual-Dignity: "#5bc0de"
  supported_charts:
    - triangle
    - circular
    - competitive_dynamics
    - temporal_evolution
    - olympics_scoreboard

theoretical_foundation:
  primary_sources:
    - "Crenshaw, K. (1991). Mapping the Margins: Intersectionality, Identity Politics, and Viol
    - "Machiavelli, N. (1532). The Prince. Antonio Blado d'Asola."
    - "Kant, I. (1785). Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals. J.F. Hartknoch."
    - "Mudde, C. (2004). The Populist Zeitgeist. Government and Opposition, 39(4), 541-563."

  theoretical_approach: |
    Enhanced political theory implementation with advanced multi-dimensional analysis
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    capabilities including competitive dynamics modeling, temporal evolution tracking,
    and framework fit validation. Synthesizes intersectionality theory (Crenshaw),
    realist political theory (Machiavelli), and liberal dignity theory (Kant) into
    a triangular measurement space for contemporary political discourse analysis.

validation:
  academic_standard: "Advanced Multi-Dimensional Political Worldview Analysis Framework v3.2"
  measurement_instrument: "Comprehensive worldview framework with competitive dynamics and temp
  scope_limitation: "English-language political discourse, 2010-2025; primarily Western democra

  olympics_compliance: true
  olympics_category: "anchor_set_frameworks"

  citation_format: "Discernus Framework: Political Worldview Triad v3.2 (Crenshaw/Machiavelli/K

compatibility:
  framework_specification_version: "3.2"
  backward_compatibility: ["3.1", "3.0"]
  api_versions: ["v3.2", "v3.1", "v3.0"]

last_modified: "2025-06-27T12:00:00.000000"
framework_registry_key: "political_worldview_triad__v3.2"
implementation_status: "Production ready - v3.2 Advanced Research Architecture with full Olympi

capabilities:
  arc_positioning: true
  competitive_dynamics: true
  temporal_analysis: true
  framework_fit_validation: true
  olympics_protocols: true
  density_corrections: true
  cross_framework_comparison: true
```

Appendix C: Entman Framing Functions Framework v3.2

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Appendix D: Lakoff Family Models Framework v3.2

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Appendix E: Moral Foundations Theory Framework v3.2

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Appendix F: Civic Virtue Framework v3.2

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Appendix G: Business Ethics Framework v3.2

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